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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: LE PINT MOPS PLO
SUBJ: REMARKS OF SHAFIQ WAZZAN

1. SHAFIQ WAZZAN, PRESIDENT OF THE ISLAMIC COUNCIL,
TOLD EMBOFF THE FOLLOWING MARCH 28.
2. ISLAMIC COUNCIL FULLY SUPPORTED U.N. RESOLUTION 425
AND DEPLOYMENT OF U.N. FORCES TO SOUTH LEBANON. ISLAMIC
COUNCIL BELIEVED IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, TO
SEND A SMALL CONTINGENT OF LEBANESE ARMY UNITS TO THE
SOUTH AS SYMBOLIC GESTURE, EVEN IF THEY TOTALLED NO MORE
THAN 200 TO 300 MEN. TO AVOID UNDUE RISK, ARMY UNITS
SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED WHERE THEY WERE UNLIKELY TO HAVE
TO ENGAGE IN COMBAT WITH ANY OF THE ARMED PARTIES.
3. FATAH MIGHT ACCEPT A CEASE-FIRE FOR THE TIME
BEING, BUT NOT FOR ANY EXTENDED LENGTH OF TIME UNLESS
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FATAH PERCEIVED THAT IT COULD ACHIEVE PALESTINIAN
OBJECTIVES THROUGH NON-VIOLENT MEANS. THE SADAT
INITIATIVES HAD CONVINCED FATAH THAT IT COULD NOT DO
SO AND THAT IT HAD TO RESORT TO FORCE.

4. THE REJECTIONISTS SUCH AS PFLP WOULD NEVER ACCEPT
A CEASE-FIRE IN THE SOUTH AND INDEED WOULD NOT ACCEPT

A CEASEFIRE EVEN IF AN INDEPENDENT STATE WERE CREATED
ON THE WEST BANK. THE REJECTIONISTS, DESPITE AVOWALS
TO THE CONTRARY, WERE NOT FIGHTING FOR MEANINGFUL
POLITICAL GOALS, BUT FOR MEANINGLESS ABSTRACTIONS SUCH
AS REVOLUTIONIZING THE ARAB WORLD. THEY WOULD CONTINUE
TO FIGHT AS LONG AS THEY EXISTED.
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